

A Day in the Navy

20 August 2008

- On August 20th, 331,784 Active Duty, 69,493 Reserve Component Sailors, with 5,799 Reserves mobilized, and 183,911 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 280 active ships are in service. 137 (49%) including 2 carriers and 1 amphibious large deck ship are underway.
- 9,401 Individual Augmentees are deployed on the ground around the world in support of the War on Terror.
- The Honorable Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, arrives in Naples, Italy. During his travels, he will visit Djibouti, Afghanistan and Sweden to engage foreign leaders and visit Sailors and Marines.
- The USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group is in Port Kelang, Malaysia building cooperative relationships with senior officers of the Royal Malaysian Navy and Air Force.
- Carrier Air Wing Two, embarked on USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), flies 28 sorties providing ordnance on target, command and control, close air and electronic surveillance support to the troops on the ground in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.
- USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) and USS Shoup (DDG 86) operate in the Arabian Sea supporting Lincoln's operations.
- Eleven P-3 "Orion" aircraft and more than 120 crew members arrive at Naval Air Station (NAS) Brunswick as part of hurricane evacuations from NAS Jacksonville. Training and aircraft maintenance continue as Commander Patrol & Reconnaissance Wing Five and NAS Brunswick work together to coordinate berthing, messing, transportation and recreational opportunities.
- USS Russell (DDG 59) conducts maritime security operations in the Central Arabian Gulf in support of Combined Task Force 152 to reassure regional nations of our commitment to security.
- USS Curts (FFG 38) supports Combined Task Force 158 in the Northern Arabian Gulf, maintaining security in and around the Iraqi territorial waters protecting key sea-based infrastructure.
- USS Momsen (DDG 92) provides associated support to Combined Task Force 150, helping to build a lawful maritime order by deterring illicit activities in the maritime arena.

- Guided Missile Destroyer McFaul (DDG 74) departs Souda Bay, Crete to deliver humanitarian relief supplies, including blankets, hygiene kits, baby food and infant care supplies, to Georgia as part of the larger United States response to the government of Georgia request for humanitarian assistance.
- The U.S. 7th Fleet staff and crew of USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) are in port Busan, Republic of Korea, participating in exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG). For the first time, the ROK warfighting headquarters serves in the lead role while U.S. headquarters serve in a supporting role in preparation for operational control transfer in 2012.
- One hundred years to the day after the U.S. Navy's Great White Fleet sailed into Sydney Harbor, USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) arrives there to participate in commemoration activities with the Royal Australian Navy.
- USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) transits to the Federated States of Micronesia, the final stop in support of Pacific Partnership 2008. Pacific Partnership 2008 brings together host and partner nation civilian and medical personnel and construction teams. The four-month humanitarian and civic deployment aims to strengthen relations in Southeast Asia and Oceania.
- Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific leads Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen as they train with regional counterparts in Southeast Asia Cooperation Against Terrorism 2008. SEACAT presents participants with realistic situations involving criminal and terrorist threats requiring international coordination. Assets include USS Tortuga (LSD 46), USS Howard (DDG 83), USS Ford (FFG 54), USCGC Morgenthau (WHEC 722), USNS Safeguard (T-ARS 50), USNS 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez (T-AK 3010), USNS Cpl. Louis J. Hauge (T-AK 3011) and a U.S. P-3C from VP-16.
- USS Rentz (FFG 46) is underway in the Celebes Sea en route to Tawi Tawi as part of a joint/combined training and maritime engagement operation with the Armed Forces of the Philippine Navy. AFP and U.S. Sailors are participating side by side in community relations projects, Project Handclasp events, and subject-matter expert exchanges in the Mindanao region of the Philippines.
- The fast-attack submarine USS Hartford (SSN 768) conducts a tactical development exercise with the Italian diesel submarine ITS Salvatore Todaro (S-526) in the Western Atlantic Ocean.
- USS Denver (LPD 9) gets underway for the first time after the hull swap with the USS Juneau (LPD 10) to conduct a full ammo onload with a barge and Japanese contractors.
- Freedom (LCS 1) is conducting Acceptance Trials, leading to a Nov. 8 commissioning in Milwaukee, Wis.
- Pre-Commissioning Unit Green Bay (LPD 20) is unloading more than 1,336 mattresses and approximately 724 supplies, including medical supplies, anchoring gear, computers, exercise equipment and non-perishable food items, in preparation for the ship's Aug. 29 move aboard.

- USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720) is underway in the U. S. Southern Command area of responsibility conducting counter-illicit trafficking operations in support of U.S. and participating nation drug control programs.
- USS Tarawa (LHA 1) leads a 32-ship multinational maritime task force during Fuerzas Aliadas (FA) PANAMAX. The task force includes Sailors from Navy Reserve Destroyer Squadron Four Zero.
- Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force personnel are testing the underwater mine detection and avoidance capability and the Tomahawk launching system of USS Virginia (SSN 774) in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Maritime Civil Affairs Team (MCAT) 205 Sailors are coordinating with local populations in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, and Santa Marta, Colombia, in support of Continuing Promise 2008. International and interagency medical and engineering teams are providing services, to include construction, medical and dental aid, to several locations in Nicaragua.
- Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) Two's Company 23 aboard USNS Grasp (T-ASD 51) deployed for Navy Diver Southern Partnership Station 2008, conducts advanced diver training with divers from Barbados, Saint Vincent, and Granada in Bridgetown, Barbados. The units are part of a 14-member dive detachment made up of U.S. Navy divers from MDSU Two, Underwater Construction Teams One and Two, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Expeditionary Support Unit Two, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command.
- Riverine Squadron Three, deployed to Iraq, trains its third Iraqi police class.
- Military Sealift Command large, medium-speed roll-on/roll-off ship USNS Fisher (T-AKR 301) is en route to the U.S. Central Command area of operations carrying more than 124,000 square feet of military cargo, including Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles and up-armored Humvees, destined for U.S. forces operating in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- The Red Wolves of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Eight-Four (HSC-84) are flying combat sorties in support of Combined Joint Special Operations Component (CJSOAC). More than 60 reserve personnel and four HH-60H Helicopters are deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq.
- The San Diego Festival of Sail kicked off with a parade of more than 20 tall ships led by the guided-missile frigate USS Vandergrift through the San Diego Harbor.
- Navy Region Hawaii's spill management team conducts planning for a National Response System joint oil spill drill exercise with other Navy commands, the USCG, Hawaii State Dept. of Health and Hawaiian Electric Company.